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Mr. Doug Bosco, Board Chairman
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RE: Letter of Support for the San Francisco Bay Trail Project and the Oakland Waterfront Trail

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the San Francisco Bay Trail Project and the Oakland Waterfront Trail. These grants help to fund the planning, design, and construction of important Bay Trail segments such as the Cryer Boathouse Bay Trail Project and the Lancaster to Derby Bay Trail Project. I am pleased by the Coastal Conservancy's continued support of the Bay Trail through the Conservancy's block grants to the Bay Trail Project.

Once completed, the Bay Trail will be a continuous 500-mile network of bicycling and hiking paths that will encircle San Francisco and San Pablo bays in their entirety. The Bay Trail will connect all 9 Bay Area counties and 47 cities and provide an alternative mode of transportation that links to regional public transit facilities. The Bay Trail serves the recreational needs of millions of residents and visitors in the Bay Area every year and provides access to over 130 parks and other recreational facilities. The Oakland Waterfront Trail is a planned, 6.6-mile segment of the Bay Trail that stretches from Jack London Square to Damon Slough at the Martin Luther King Regional Shoreline in Oakland.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the Bay Trail and the Oakland Waterfront Trail.

Sincerely,

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Don Perata
Senate President Pro Tem
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cc: Lee Huo, San Francisco Bay Trail Project
Diane Tannenwald, City of Oakland

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May 7, 2008

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Thank you for your positive consideration and support of the Bay Trail and the Oakland Waterfront Trail.

Sincerely,

Sandre Swanson
Assembly Member
16th Assembly District

cc: Lee Huo, San Francisco Bay Trail Project
Diane Tannenwald, City of Oakland



Exhibit 5: Letters of Support



September 18, 2007

Diane Tannenwald
Project Manager, Community and Economic Development Agency
City of Oakland
250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4314
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RE: **San Francisco Bay Trail**
Cryer Boathouse Gap Closure Project

Dear Ms. Tannenwald:

East Bay Regional Park District is pleased to support the City of Oakland's application to the San Francisco Bay Trail Regional Development Program for the Cryer Boathouse and Derby to Lancaster Bay Trail gap closure projects.

From the earliest days of Ohlone Indian settlement, the Cryer site has played an important role in the history of our community. This is a remarkable opportunity to leverage state funding to provide for improvements to the regionally-significant San Francisco Bay Trail, improve recreational facilities for an underserved urban community, and preserve an important historic site. The project will also improve access to East Bay Regional Park District facilities, including the restored wetlands of Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline.

The Derby to Lancaster project will improve the linkage from EBRPD's Tidewater project, now under construction, to Union Point Park and Jack London Square. It will restore the Bay Trail at this location to its rightful place along the shoreline.

This project, part of the multijurisdictional effort to restore quality public access along the Oakland waterfront will provide an array of benefits to a diverse community. It is certainly worthy of your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,


Jim Townsend
Trails Development Program Manager
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September 17, 2007

Ms. Diane Tannenwald
Project Manager, Community and Economic Development Agency
City of Oakland
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Dear Ms. Tannenwald,

The Oakland Heritage Alliance fully supports the City of Oakland's funding applications to the San Francisco Bay Trail Regional Development Program for the Cryer Boathouse Gap Closure and Derby to Lancaster Bay Trail gap closure projects.

In addition to the recreational opportunities they provide, we believe the projects help preserve and interpret Oakland's incomparable waterfront history, protect open space, and create exciting destinations for cyclists and walkers along the Bay Trail. The trail will encourage Oakland residents and visitors to further explore the history of the waterfront and Fruitvale history and will tie together over 15 miles of connecting access along Oakland's Shoreline.

The Oakland Heritage Alliance has long supported and initiated efforts to interpret and share the rich history of Oakland's waterfront and the Fruitvale neighborhood. Our summer walking tours, for example, highlight both these historic areas and are perennial favorites of members and the public. Because Oakland's history is inextricably bound to the waterfront and the Fruitvale neighborhood, we especially welcome the prospect of a completed trail which brings people through these areas.

We are excited that project plans call for historic interpretation of the Cryer Boathouse, with its direct connection to Jack London and early waterfront activities. The Cryer Boathouse, an old wooden pier and a marine railway reflect a boating and shipbuilding history that has almost completely disappeared from the Bay Area waterfronts. We hope the boathouse may be restored at some point and are pleased that interpretive signage will be incorporated at the site. We feel these two projects will add immeasurably to the cultural, recreational and economic vitality of Oakland.

Sincerely yours,


Valerie Garry
President, Oakland Heritage Alliance

Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

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September 17, 2007

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RE: Cryer Boathouse and Derby to Lancaster Bay Trail Gap Closure projects

Dear Ms. Tannenwald,

I am writing to express support for improvements to the Cryer Boathouse gap closure project and the Derby to Lancaster Bay Trail gap closure project. As you know, in recent years The Trust for Public Land (TPL) aided in the development of Union Point Park, just south of the Cryer Site. Union Point Park provides a significant recreation area to a neighborhood lacking in parks.

TPL, a national nonprofit land conservation organization, has held a strong urban focus and deep commitment to provide improved park access to urban communities since its inception in 1972. Our Parks for People—Bay Area program has a long history in the City of Oakland, constructing and advocating for safe, quality parks and community gardens in neighborhoods where the need is greatest.

TPL is especially enthusiastic about the community access and education aspects of these projects. They are important links to making Oakland's waterfront easy to get to from the nearby neighborhoods. The proposed Cryer site's interpretive signage intended to educate citizens about the environmental issues in the estuary will inspire them to help steward our Bay's water resources and open spaces. The historic interpretive signage at the Derby Avenue to Lancaster Street trail project will offer rich stories of the Fruitvale neighborhood's early immigrants and its history of fruitgrowing and canning.

Not only do these gap closure projects provide local shoreline access and interpretive education to nearby neighborhoods, they will help complete the Regional San Francisco Bay Trail spine all along Oakland's estuary waterfront. Oakland's residents will have continuous bicycle and pedestrian access around the Bay.

In the Bay Area, opportunities for new open space are limited. TPL applauds Oakland's efforts to improve the waterfront for public access and recreation.

Sincerely,

Tim Wirth
Director, Bay Area Program



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September 20, 2007

Ms. Diane Tannenwald
Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Tannenwald,

The East Bay Conservation Corps (EBCC) fully supports the City of Oakland's funding applications to the San Francisco Bay Trail Regional Development Program for the Cryer Boathouse Gap Closure and Derby to Lancaster Bay Trail gap closure projects. The two projects for which funding is being sought close critical gaps along the Regional San Francisco Bay Trail spine along Oakland's estuary waterfront. Once completed, the Bay Trail will encircle the entire San Francisco Bay, providing continuous bicycle and pedestrian access for residents throughout the 9-County Bay region. Along with other markers and sculpture along the Oakland section of the Bay Trail, the project weaves the waterfront history of Oakland. These attractions provide a free "outdoor museum" as well as a recreational opportunity for cyclists and walkers along the Bay Trail.

The EBCC has a strong history of partnering with the City of Oakland, Community and Economic Development Agency on projects that benefit the community and provide access and recreation. In particular the EBCC has worked closely with the City of Oakland, Community and Economic Development Agency improving the Bay Trail and planting of trees along the Embarcadero.

To support the City of Oakland, Community and Economic Development Agency once the Cryer Boathouse Gap Closure and Derby to Lancaster Bay Trail gap closure projects are approved, the EBCC will be able to provide work crews comprised of the young men and women in our program to provide general landscaping and on-going support services for standard EBCC fee for service rates.

The Cryer Boathouse Gap Closure project on the Oakland estuary would not only provide a meaningful service project for EBCC corpsmembers and students to learn valuable skills as part of their job preparation and development, but the rich history surrounding the project would also tie in importantly with their academic learning towards achieving their high school diploma.

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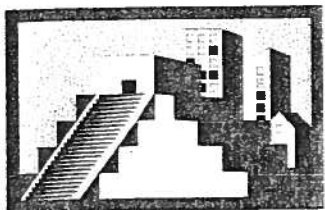
The EBCC is a West Oakland based Charter School and Non-Profit job training program serving young adults throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We promote youth development through community service, job opportunities, and educational programs. We participate in community stewardship and environmental restoration projects by providing land management services to local agencies and communities throughout the East Bay. Our crews perform a variety of services for public land agencies, municipalities and community groups including: flood and erosion control, fire fuel reduction, weed and litter abatement, vegetation management, tree planting/removal, landscaping, trail and park maintenance, storm drain stenciling, painting, recycling, blight abatement and light carpentry. We have served over the years with a multitude of agencies including counties of Alameda and Contra Costa; cities of Hercules, Berkeley, Hayward and Oakland; Port of Oakland; East Bay Municipal Utility District, East Bay Regional Park District and numerous other agencies.

The EBCC is a fully insured, tax-exempt non-profit education and training program and is exempt from prevailing wage provisions. We provide worker's compensation and complete liability insurance and provide those certifications upon request. We are familiar with your project areas and look forward to working with your agency on this and other important community service projects and in sharing a common vision of community health through environmental enhancement.

If you have questions please contact Bob De Paul at 510-282-9900.

Sincerely,

Joanna Lennon
Chief Executive Officer



THE UNITY COUNCIL

September 18, 2007

Diane Tannenwald
Project Manager, Community and Economic Development Agency
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Dear Ms. Tannenwald,

The Unity Council is pleased to support the City of Oakland's funding applications to the San Francisco Bay Trail Regional Development Program for the Cryer Boathouse and Derby to Lancaster Bay Trail gap closure projects. These two projects will close critical gaps for the Regional San Francisco Bay Trail spine along Oakland's estuary waterfront. Once completed, the Bay Trail will encircle the entire San Francisco Bay, providing continuous bicycle and pedestrian access for residents throughout the 9-County Bay region.

The Unity Council has 43 years of history in working to enrich the lives of low-income immigrant families, focusing its efforts in the densely populated Fruitvale district of Oakland, California. The Fruitvale neighborhood, a diverse, primarily Latino, low-income community, has traditionally been underserved and neglected. The Unity Council provides comprehensive programs of sustainable physical, economic and social development. The direct services range from: early childhood education and family literacy to workforce development, business development, youth after school recreation programs, open space development, AmeriCorps and senior services. In addition, the Unity Council engages stakeholders in the physical revitalization of community through real estate and housing development and the promotion of homeownership. The effectiveness of the Unity Council has been due to its comprehensive approach to community development and its strong belief in the power of community collaborations and public-private partnerships.

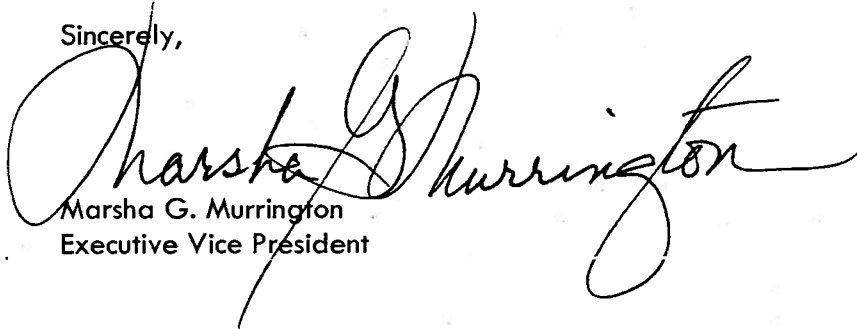
The project is very important to the Unity Council and the San Antonio/Fruitvale community because it provides access to an additional one-and-a-half acres of park open space. As you know, the Unity Council led a community initiative that began in 1991 that focused on increasing the amount of parks and open space for residents of the Fruitvale district in Oakland. At that time the Fruitvale had only 0.68 acres of local parks per 1,000 residents as compared to the citywide average of 1.33 acres of local parks per 1,000 residents, twice as much as Fruitvale's average. Since then the only one new park has been developed, Union Point Park that added another 7 acres of park space. The Cryer Boathouse site is adjacent to the two year old park and was always considered to be part of the original community design of Union Point Park. Union Point Park and the Cryer site are one of the few points of access to the waterfront in the San Antonio/Fruitvale district and the site provides a nearby opportunity for recreation, exercise, and public education. The proposed project will further enhance the design of Union Point Park to include more open space. The development of this last parcel of land for public access will fulfill the dream that our community expressed during the planning phase for Union Point Park. The Cryer Boathouse site, was always considered to be part of park, and was promoted as such by the Unity Council, the California Coastal Conservancy, the Port of

Oakland, the Trust for Public Land, and the City of Oakland. Unfortunately, there simply was not enough funding to build out the entire 9 acre site. This project will fulfill part of that dream.

Along with other markers and sculpture along the Oakland section of the Bay Trail, the project weaves the waterfront history of Oakland. These attractions provide a free "outdoor museum" as well as a recreational opportunity for cyclists and walkers along the Bay Trail. The Unity Council views this as providing more opportunities for our families to experience outdoor recreational facilities that contribute to the overall quality of life for our low-income families. The Unity Council is committed to working with the City of Oakland on the future development of the Cryer Boathouse site that would include participating in the design for the interpretive markers. We will also look for opportunities to engage our AmeriCorps members in community benefit projects that will assist in maintaining the Bay Trail.

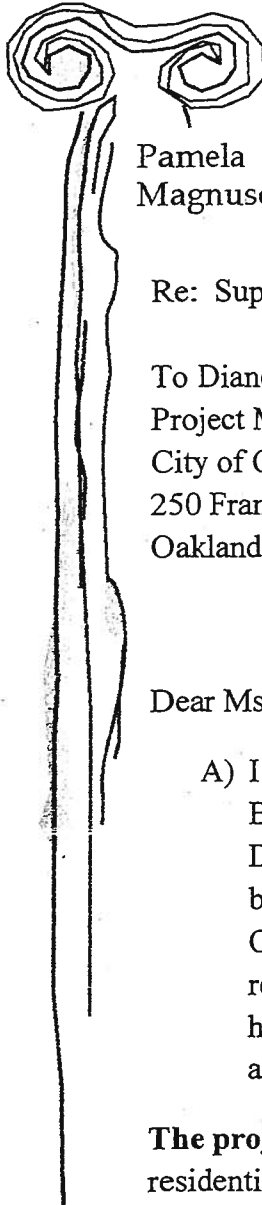
If you have any questions, you may contact me at 501/535-6913.

Sincerely,

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Marsha G. Murrington
Executive Vice President

September 19, 2007



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Re: Support Letter for The Cryer Boathouse Site Waterfront Bay Trail projects

To Diane Tannenwald
Project Manager, Community and Economic Development Agency
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Tannenwald,

- A) I enthusiastically support the City of Oakland's funding applications to the San Francisco Bay Trail Regional Development Program for the Cryer Boathouse Gap Closure and Derby to Lancaster Bay Trail gap closure projects. The two projects for which funding is being sought close critical gaps along the Regional San Francisco Bay Trail spine along Oakland's estuary waterfront and provide continuous bicycle and pedestrian access for residents throughout the 9-County Bay region. The project combines the waterfront history of Oakland, much needed open space, and recreational opportunity for cyclists and walkers along the Bay Trail.

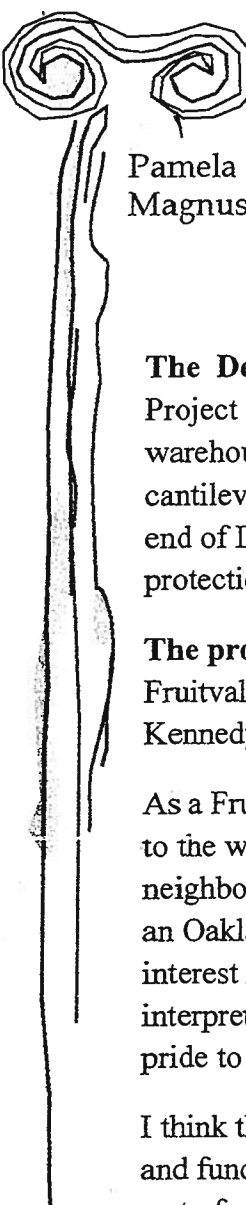
The project links to Union Point Park - one of the few points of access to waterfront near residential housing in East Oakland, and the location provides a nearby opportunity for recreation, exercise, and public education. The project also provides needed amenities that support Union Point Park, including a rest stop and parking. This project fulfills the dream of many local residents, the Unity Council and the Trust for Public Land to extend Union Point Park to the Cryer Boathouse site.

The Cryer Site combines histories of Native American Ohlone settlement, the Peralta Rancho (a land grant in 1820 which is the origins of the East Bay as we know it), and the nineteenth and twentieth century shipbuilding and industry. The Cryer Boathouse is the last surviving example of the early twentieth boatbuilding industry on the estuary, with the remains of a pier and a marine railway. In addition, the boathouse is the only surviving link between Jack London's boat The Snark and William Cryer, who began outfitting London's boat The Snark in San Francisco. The project will use the building site to educate the public about the early boatbuilding activities, the life of the waterfront, Jack London's history, as well as changing land uses along the estuary.

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The Derby Avenue to Lancaster Street Gap Closure (Fruitvale Settlement Historic Link)

Project creatively closes a 560 linear-foot trail gap behind the Oakland Museum Women's Board warehouse, by combining an at grade-multi use trail and a connecting section of concrete cantilevered trail to address space constraints. The project will install shoreline protection at the end of Derby Avenue and landscaping behind the warehouse, and terraced landscaped shoreline protection at the end of Lancaster to create a green border for the trail.

The project's proposed historic interpretive signage will highlight the history of lower Fruitvale, including early orchards, industry with the Cotton Mill and canneries, and the early Kennedy/Jingletown immigrant settlements.

As a Fruitvale resident I appreciate the addition of recreational open space and attractive access to the waterfront. As a local historian - I have authored two walking tour guides (one of three neighborhoods in Fruitvale, the most recent of Oakland Waterfront Warehouse district) and am an Oakland Heritage Alliance walking tour committee member - I see how sites of historic interest highlight Oakland's diverse neighborhoods. I have experienced first hand how interpretive sites can be a draw to residents and visitors alike to a neighborhood, and a source of pride to residents

I think the Cryer site and closure of the Bay Trail gap are important projects and deserve support and funding. These projects highlight Oakland's rich history, provide a recreational draw to its waterfront and the markers and boathouse will act as a living museum along this underused stretch of Oakland's shoreline.

Sincerely,



Pamela Magnuson-Peddle